

1987

*86th
Season*

4th REGIONAL OPEN SHOW
April 11th through May 2nd

63rd ANNUAL SPRING EXHIBITION
May 23rd through June 13th

86th ANNUAL SUMMER EXHIBITION
June 20th through July 11th

55th ANNUAL MEMBERS EXHIBITION
July 18th through August 8th

11th ANNUAL FALL EXHIBITION
August 15th through September 12th



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SOCIATION, INC.

The members of the Lyme Art Association, Inc. pay tribute to the memory of Miss Florence Griswold. Because of her deep interest in art and her benevolence and generosity, she made possible the use of her spacious home for many artists who wished to paint in this vicinity.

Miss Florence, a gracious lady with a friendly personality, stimulated a rare community group spirit among the artists. This group, including many famous American landscape painters, formed the nucleus of the present Lyme Art Association, Inc.

For over a century the lower Connecticut River Valley has attracted creative artists. In 1900 Henry W. Ranger, an artist in search of inspiration, found in the region around Old Lyme an abundance of natural beauty. Through his work and enthusiasm for the material he had discovered, he excited the interest of a few of his fellow artists in landscape painting in this area.

Two years later this small group held a two-day exhibition in the Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library and thereby pioneered America's first summer art show. The proceeds from the fifty cents admission charge were donated to the library. (A circulating library existed in Lyme as early as 1787.)

The following year, 1903, the poster announcing the second annual three-day exhibition listed nineteen exhibitors and a train schedule to and from Hartford, New Haven and New London, with a footnote stating "A stage will carry visitors to and from the trains free of charge."

With a gradually extending exhibition period and a growing membership of nationally known and distinguished artists, these shows continued to be held in the Public Library until 1921, when the present gallery, designed by Charles Platt, was inaugurated. This gallery has the unique distinction of being the first art gallery known to have been built and financed entirely by the artists themselves.



Since the Lyme Art Association has always been a non-profit group, the gallery associates and the active artists have sponsored the annual shows. The Association invites exhibitors, who live within a reasonable distance of the gallery, to submit their work to an all-member artist jury for the Spring and Summer exhibitions. Exhibitors are also invited to submit their work to the Open Regional exhibition which is not juried. The Member exhibition and the Fall exhibition feature the work of member artists exclusively.

AN INVITATION

As the Association is not endowed it is obliged to depend upon the kind support of interested people. Therefore you are cordially invited to join as either an Associate, a Contributing or a Patron member. All such members receive season tickets and also invitations to each of the opening receptions.

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